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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The U.S. '407 patent corresponds to a co-pending application cited in the parent. A copy is enclosed. Copies of the other cited documents are of record in parent Appln. No. 09/363,655.

The documents may be pertinent for the reasons indicated in the parent application.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered.

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